Hello everyone,

Next Monday (September 21st) we will start the topic Racial Discrimination that has been a continuous problem around the world from the age of European colonialism and the Atlantic slave trade to segregation in the US, the Rwandan genocide and Apartheid to the shooting of innocent African-Americans by police but it has become particularly relevant as we have seen a wave of BLM protests in the US and around the world.

How do I participate?

The list of countries is attached to this email. You can write your name down for the country that you want to represent for this topic. It's first come first served, so it's a good idea to do it sooner rather than later. If you are doing MUN for the first time it is a good idea to pair up with somebody. If you can't choose a country before Monday you can just come on Monday and choose your country then although you will have less choice then as other people will have already chosen their countries.

What can I do to prepare?

Attached to this email you will also see some helpful resources about MUN and about our topic of racial discrimination. You don't need to go into great detail so just get some general knowledge about your country, different forms of racial discrimination in your country, around the world and more importantly potential solutions to the problem. If you don't have time to do the research don't worry we understand that the beginning of the year can be hectic and MUN just some extra fun and learning.

What are we doing on Monday (21st)?

On Monday we will meet at the usual time (18h), those who have not yet chosen a country from the list will have the chance to do so, people who want to will do policy statements (they just briefly say what their country thinks about the topic in less than 1min) and then we will start lobbying (you just go around and talk with other countries to find out what they think about the topic) and by doing this you will see which countries have a similar position to you and which ones don't then you and the countries with a similar position will discuss what solutions you are going to present, you will then start writing a draft resolution (text presenting your solutions). This might seem complicated but it doesn't have to be. We will obviously help you if necessary, that's what we are for. The objective is for draft resolutions to be finished by the end of this Monday's session. You should type them up for the following week or if you really get them to us so that we can type them up. Make sure you share them with us so that we can print some and project them when we debate on them. The following week we will debate, amend (modify through debate) and vote on the resolutions.

In conclusion:

Our topic is racial discrimination. Chose a country to represent. If you can do some research on the topic and on your country relating to the topic and potential solutions. We will meet at 18h on Monday probably at the Amphitheatre. And we will do the lobbying and write draft resolutions (don't worry we can explain).

Kind regards Your MUN Presidents Emma RICHARDS and Louis FAURE

List of countries: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wh_gJZeGCkupCeRvMHXo_Y_2d8NZ7orVy-yrC sm_Z1l/edit?usp=drivesdk Research: https://news.un.org/en/tags/racial-discrimination https://www.amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/discrimination/

Information about MUN: <u>https://bestdelegate.com</u>